

House Bill 1598

By: Representative Fleming of the 117th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions concerning state, county, and municipal road systems, so as to
3 not require the Department of Transportation to require turn lanes based on daily turning
4 volume; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions concerning state, county, and municipal road systems, is amended by
10 inserting a new Code section immediately following Code Section 32-4-3, relating to naming
11 of state roads, bridges, or interchanges, to read as follows:

12 "32-4-4.

13 (a) Right turn deceleration lanes shall not be required to be constructed on public roads at
14 no cost to the Department of Transportation if the daily right turning volume meets the
15 following criteria:

16 (1) On two-lane public roads:

17 (A) The speed limit is 40 miles per hour or less and the daily right turning volume is
18 300 or more; or

19 (B) The speed limit is over 40 miles per hour and the daily right turning volume is 150
20 or more; or

21 (2) On public roads with more than two lanes:

22 (A) The speed limit is 40 miles per hour or less and the daily right turning volume is
23 300 or more;

24 (B) The speed limit is between 40 miles per hour and 55 miles per hour and the daily
25 right turning volume is 150 or more; or

1 (C) The speed limit is over 55 miles per hour regardless of the daily right turning
2 volume.

3 (b) Left turn lanes shall not be required to be constructed on public roads at no cost to the
4 Department of Transportation if the daily left turning volume meets the following criteria:

5 (1) The speed limit is 40 miles per hour or less and the daily left turning volume is 300
6 or more; or

7 (2) The speed limit is over 40 miles per hour and the daily left turning volume is 200 or
8 more."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
11 without such approval.

12 **SECTION 3.**

13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.